

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/EP2004/052353

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C12Q1/68 C12Q1/48 A01K67/00

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, CHEM ABS Data, WPI Data, BIOSIS, Sequence Search, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Continuation of Box II.1

Although claim 5 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound.

Although claim 15 comprises a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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3. Claims Nos.:
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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